

IN THE
 COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
 OF TEXAS

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LESLIE ESTHER DIAMOND

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VS.

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CAUSE NO. PD-1299-18

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STATE OF TEXAS

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MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE APPELLANT'S BRIEF

TO THE HONORABLE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Leslie Esther Diamond, appellant, files this Motion To Extend Time To File Appellant's Brief, and would show as follows:

I.

A jury convicted appellant of Class A misdemeanor driving while intoxicated in cause number 1885998 in the County Criminal Court at Law Number 8 of Harris County before the Honorable Jay Karahan. The court assessed punishment at five days in jail and a \$2,000 fine on May 1, 2014. Present counsel represented her at trial. She did not appeal.

Appellant filed a post-conviction application for a writ of habeas corpus in cause number 2112570 in the trial court in 2016. Judge Karahan conducted an evidentiary hearing, made findings and conclusions, and denied relief. This appeal ensued.

The Fourteenth Court of Appeals reversed the judgment denying habeas relief

in a published opinion issued on October 23, 2018. This Court granted the State's petition for discretionary review on February 13, 2019. Diamond v. State, 561 S.W.3d 288 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2018, pet. granted). Present counsel represented her in the court of appeals and represents her in this Court.

II.

This Court may extend the time to file a brief if a party files a motion complying with Rule of Appellate Procedure 10.5(b). This motion is timely, and appellant has not sought a previous extension of time to file the brief.

The State filed its opening merits brief on April 2, 2019. Appellant's merits brief is due on May 2, 2019. Counsel needs more time to prepare and file the brief. He filed proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and presented oral argument in a post-conviction habeas corpus proceeding in a murder case on April 10, 2019. He traveled out of state for the Passover/Easter holiday in mid-April. He submitted a paper and prepared for a speech that he is scheduled to present at the UT Conference on Criminal Appeals on May 2, 2019. He requests that the Court grant a 15-day extension of time until May 17, 2019, to file the brief.

CONCLUSION

Appellant requests a 15-day extension of time to file the brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I served a copy of this motion on Patricia McLean, assistant district attorney for Harris County; and on Stacey Soule, State Prosecuting Attorney, by electronic service on April 29, 2019.

/s/ Josh Schaffer

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